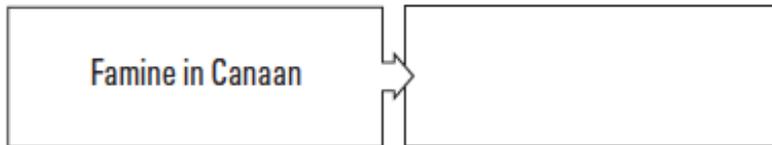


Assessment: The Origins of Judaism

Mastering the Content

Circle the letter next to the best answer.

1. When people read from the Torah, they are reading from
 - A. the Prophets and the Writings.
 - B. the first five books of the Hebrew Bible.
 - C. an ancient Egyptian book about the Hebrew people.
 - D. a collection of prayers and poems used by the early Jews.
2. How does the Torah say that Abraham first came to the land of Canaan?
 - A. He guided the Israelites out of Egypt.
 - B. He moved with his family from Mesopotamia.
 - C. He passed through the area as a wandering shepherd.
 - D. He led an army that won the land from the Philistines.

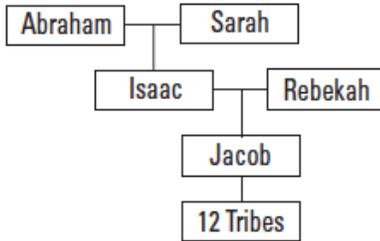


3. To complete the diagram, which phrase best belongs in the empty box?
 - A. Israelites move to Egypt
 - B. Israelites start herding goats
 - C. Israelites wander in the desert
 - D. Israelites break into warring tribes
4. How did ancient Judaism differ from other religions at that time?
 - A. more elegant temples
 - B. rules for how to act
 - C. famous leader-heroes
 - D. belief in one God
5. According to the Torah, the faith that would become Judaism began with a covenant, or
 - A. holy dream.
 - B. written contract.
 - C. sacred agreement.
 - D. religious gathering.
6. According to Jewish teaching, what did God promise by changing Abram's name to Abraham?
 - A. to save Abraham's son
 - B. to guide Abraham to Canaan
 - C. to help Abraham build a temple
 - D. to protect Abraham's descendants

7. What place did the Jewish people believe was the promised land?

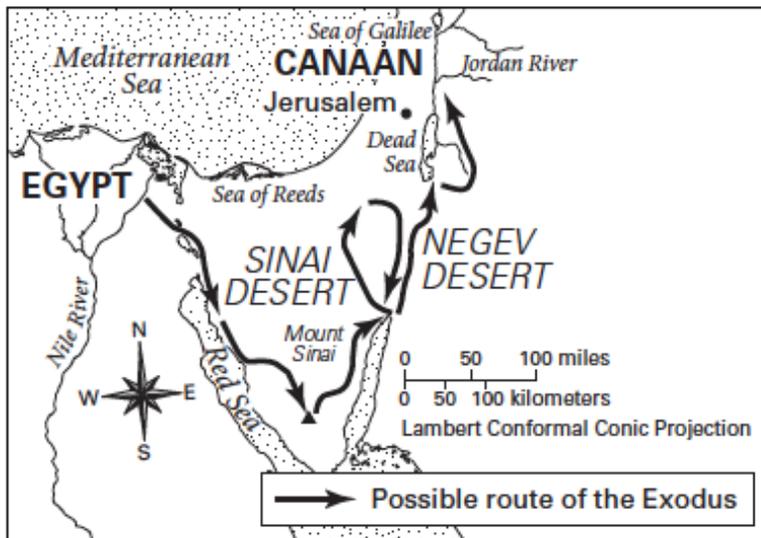
- A. Ur
- B. Egypt
- C. Canaan
- D. Babylon

8. Find Isaac on the family tree below. According to the family tree, Isaac was Sarah's



- A. son.
 - B. brother.
 - C. husband.
 - D. grandson.
9. Suppose that you were to arrange the following events in order. Which event happened second?
- A. Abraham moved to Canaan.
 - B. Moses climbed Mount Sinai.
 - C. The Israelites moved to Egypt.
 - D. David was king of the Jewish people.
10. The word exodus means "departure." In the history of the Israelites, the Exodus was the departure from
- A. Ur.
 - B. Egypt.
 - C. Canaan.
 - D. Babylon.
11. According to the Torah, what did Moses bring to his people from Mount Sinai?
- A. food to eat in the desert
 - B. the Ten Commandments
 - C. most of the Hebrew Bible
 - D. directions for building a temple

Possible Route of the Exodus



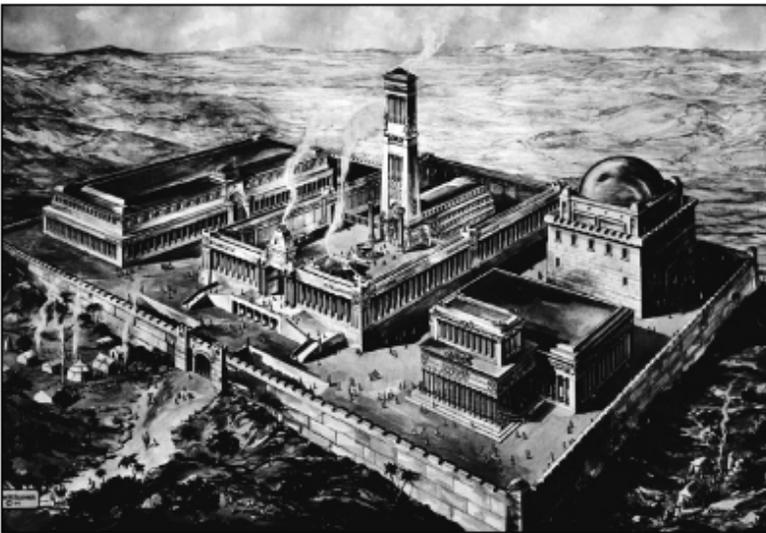
12. Which of these conclusions does the map support about the Jewish people's trip from Egypt to Canaan?
- A. It was largely by boat.
 - B. It followed a direct route.
 - C. It cost many people their lives.
 - D. It took many years to complete.
13. Who unified the Israelites into a single nation?
- A. David
 - B. Moses
 - C. Solomon
 - D. Abraham
14. What did David provide for the Jewish people that they did not have before?
- A. a strong army
 - B. a famous temple
 - C. a set of commandments
 - D. a strong central government
15. Why was Jerusalem considered a holy city?
- A. David built his first palace there.
 - B. Religious ceremonies were held there.
 - C. The Ark of the Covenant was kept there.
 - D. The Israelites believed God told them to live there.
16. For which achievement is Solomon most famous?
- A. uniting a nation
 - B. winning a battle
 - C. starting a school
 - D. building a temple

Applying Social Studies Skills

Use the information below and your knowledge of history to answer the questions. Write the word or phrase in the space provided.

Construction of first temple in Jerusalem

- Stone shaped at quarry
- Cedar and cypress wood, cut in Lebanon and shipped by sea
- Materials prepared by forced labor
- Interior lined with cypress and cedar; cedar roof
- Carvings of cherubim (angels), palm trees, gourds, and open flowers
- Parts of inside sections overlaid with gold



17. What two mineral resources were used in building the Temple?

18. The construction of the temple required international trade with _____, most likely because _____.

19. According to the picture, what did the Israelites build with materials from the quarry?

Exploring the Essential Question: How did Judaism originate and spread?

Follow the directions to complete the item below.

20. Solomon's construction of the First Temple in Jerusalem was important in the development of Judaism and the ancient Jewish nation of Israel.

Suppose that three people involved in the construction of the temple are each sending a picture postcard to a friend. One person is a relative of the king who ordered the temple built. Another is a laborer forced to help produce the raw materials. The third is a skilled woodcarver. Each person comments on the construction project from his or her point of view. Write the three postcards, using the information on the previous page as a resource.

Royal family member

A rectangular postcard template with a small square box in the top right corner for a picture and three horizontal lines in the bottom right corner for an address.

Forced laborer

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Skilled woodcarver

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